GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN THE REVENUE DURING SUMMER SEASON
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rush of passengers goes up by about 30% during the summer months and this is a great opportunity for the railways to increase the revenue; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the railways to tap this opportunity every year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b): During the peak summer months of March, April and May the number of passengers booked show an average increase of 14.33% and the earnings show an increase of 22.55 % over lean month February , during the last 5 years.

In order to cater to this increase in traffic and earn revenue therefrom, the Railways run Special trains and augment loads of the existing trains to the extent feasible. Wide publicity of the Special Trains run is given during this period through various media to achieve optimum patronization.